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Secretary Mike Leavitt
Department of Health and Human
Services
200 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Alzheimer's Disease is Substantially Preventable. Petition to the Food and Drug Administration on Food Additives.

Dear Secretary Leavitt,

Reduction of aluminum in the American diet - one of the most aluminized in the world due to food additives - has every potential of reducing the shortfall of the medical trust funds by 23 to 42 percent over the next fifty years by reducing the incidence of Alzheimer's and elderly mental impairment.

Enclosed is a petition to the Food and Drug Administration and review of evidence paper describing this situation. Alzheimer's is a multi-factor disease. However, the epidemiology evidence makes it clear that aluminum is one of the most potent risk factors.

There is a need to begin a national Alzheimer's prevention program now rather than later, considering the spike in aging that approaching the nation. Unprevented Alzheimer's will remain very difficult to treat, because substantial brain atrophy already involved even at time of diagnosis.

We hope this is helpful, and that you could take some inititive.

With best regards,

Erik Jansson, Exec. Dir.